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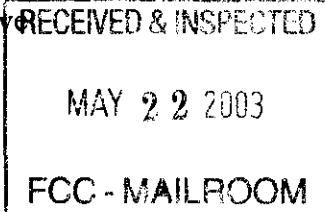
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45  
Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS  
Annual Certification Filing

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

This is to certify that Mankato Citizens Telephone Company dba HickoryTech, MidCommunications Telephone Company dba HickoryTech and Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa dba HickoryTech will use their *Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS* only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the companies named above. This certification is for the study areas listed below.

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Mankato Citizens Telephone Company dba HickoryTech	MN	361427
MidCommunications Telephone Company dba HickoryTech	MN	361375
Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa dba HickoryTech	IA	351096

  
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